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Applicant : Hamburg, et al.

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Examiner : Ella Colbert

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY OF JANUARY 22, 2004

The applicant wishes to thank Examiner Colbert for the courtesy of an interview, which was conducted by telephone on January 21, 2004. Applicant's representatives Hans R. Troesch and Tamara Fraizer participated in the interview with Examiner Colbert. During the interview, the participants discussed two of the references cited by the Examiner in the office action dated September 12, 2003 (Nomura and Kulkarni) and each of the independent claims. The applicant explained points made in applicant's reply dated January 23, 2004. Examiner Colbert suggested that the claims might be allowable if amended to make clear that the document state history is kept by the application that changes the state of the document.

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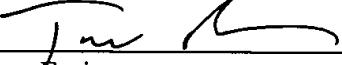
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